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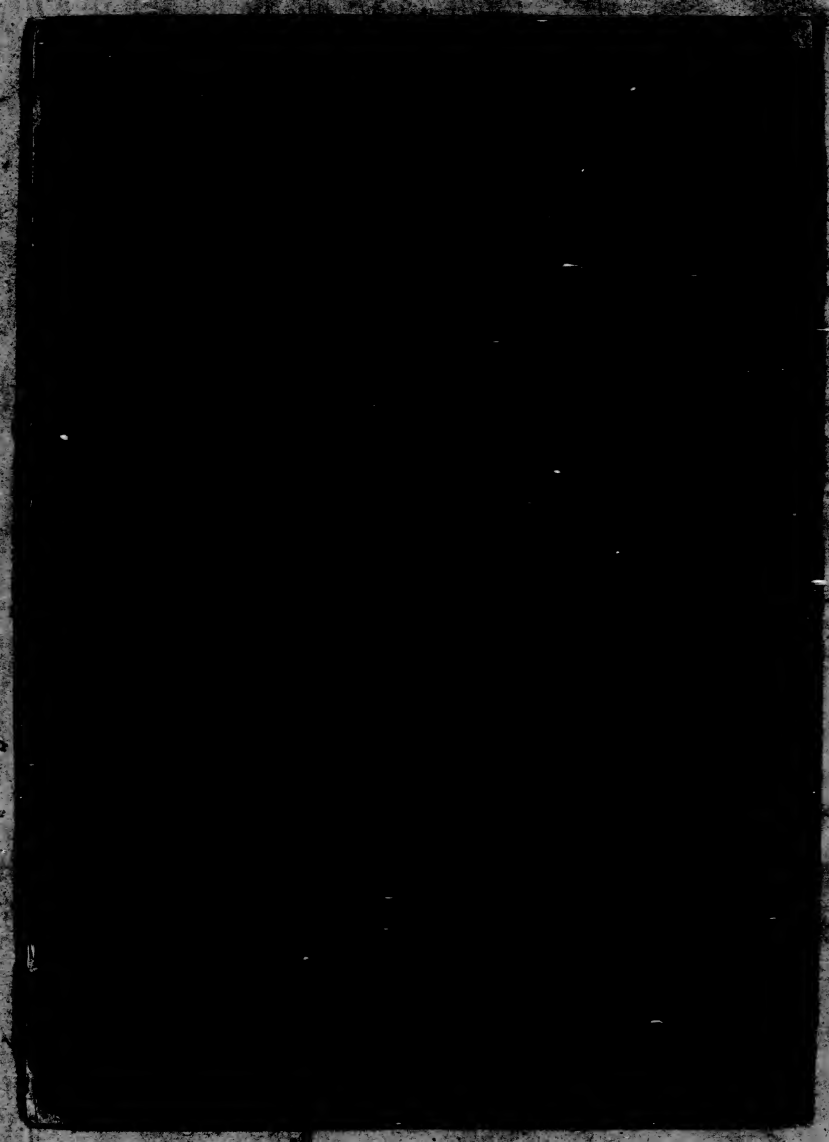
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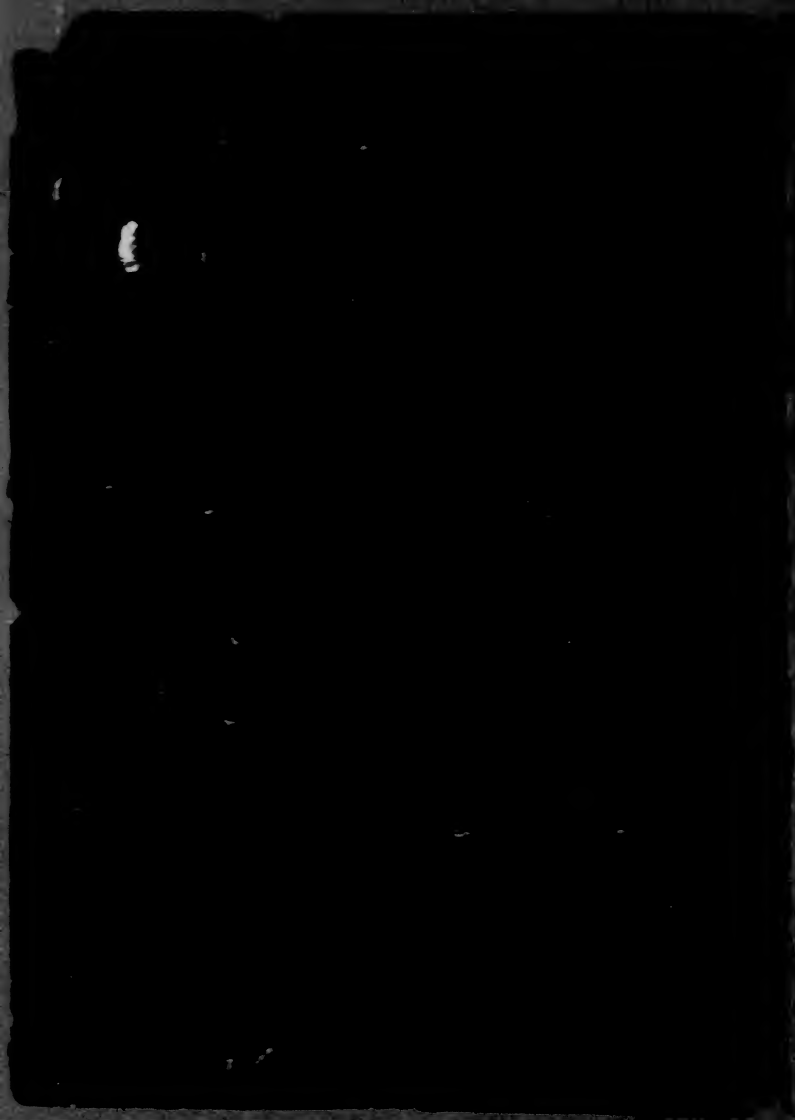
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MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
COOSA RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH
OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH,

OXFORD, CALHOUN COUNTY, SEPT. 17-19, A. D. 1890.

OFFICERS:

ABNER WILLIAMS,	-	Moderator,	-	-	Oxford, Ala.
LEALIS LAW,	-	Clerk,	-	-	Cropwell, Ala.
G. A. JONNER,	-	Assistant Clerk,	-	-	Talladega, Ala.
J. S. KELLY,	-	Treasurer,	-	-	Oxford, Ala.

The next Session of this body will be held with the Lincoln Baptist Church, Lincoln, Talladega County, Ala., on the Georgia Pacific Railroad, commencing on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in September, 1891.

TALLADEGA
PRESS OF

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This association shall be known by the name of the Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist Churches, which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. Provided, that the non-election of the Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association can not rule, but may advise the churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any church in order, in faith, or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers; and the Association, in each case, is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each church of fifty members, or less, shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit, and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations, for the spread of the Gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at their discretion.

ART. XI. This Constitution, or any Article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of the messengers present. Provided, such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees, with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote, except in case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member, when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any member desire it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator, it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated; but a motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the rules of Decorum, or the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided, a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Letters and Enroll Messengers.
3. Elect Officers; Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
4. Read Rules of Decorum.
5. Invite Churches to unite with our Association.
6. Invite visiting Brethren to seats.
7. Call for Correspondence from Associations.
8. Appoint Committee on Finance.
9. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
10. Appoint Committee to pro rate among the Churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.
11. Appoint Committee to nominate Time and Place of next meeting; Principal and Alternate to preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
12. Reports on Periodicals and Literature.
13. Report on Temperance.
14. Report on Sabbath Schools.
15. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
16. Miscellaneous Business. 17. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

18. Devotional Exercises.
19. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
20. Miscellaneous Business.
21. Report on State Missions.
22. Report on Home Missions.
23. Report on Foreign Missions.
24. Report on Ministerial Education.
25. Report on General Education (Male and Female.)
26. Miscellaneous Business. 27. Adjourn.

THIRD DAY.

28. Devotional Exercises.
29. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
30. Miscellaneous Business.
31. Report of Committee to pro rate contributions from Churches.
32. Report of Committee on Evangelization of colored people.
33. Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
34. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible Work.
35. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
36. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
37. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
38. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
39. Return Correspondents to Associations: Shelby, Cahaba Valley, Boiling Spring, Carey, Canaan, Central, Tallasabatchie and Ten Islands, Unity.
40. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention (ten.)
41. Appoint Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention (one.)
42. Report of Committee on Finance.
43. Report of Treasurer of Association.
44. Call for Report of Committee on Time and Place and Preachers next year.
45. Order Clerk's salary paid and Minutes printed.
46. Appoint Committees to report next session: On State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, General Education (male and female), Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work.
47. Appropriate surplus Minute Funds, &c., (if any.)
48. Miscellaneous Business.
49. Read Minutes of this day's session. 50. Adjourn sine die.

MINUTES.

OXFORD, ALA., Sept. 17th, A. D. 1890.

Messengers to compose the 57th Annual Session of the Coosa River Baptist Association, met this day with the Oxford Baptist Church, at 11 a. m. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. Wilkes from Mark 16. 15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Prayer by R. A. J. Cumbe. Intermission of one hour.

1:30 P. M.—The Association was called to order by Moderator, Abner Williams.

Messengers names enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Jacksonville—M. H. Lane, J. Y. Henderson and J. O. Camp.
Post Oak Spring—H. Weaver, D. D. Wilks, T. A. Easterwood and M. M. Andrews.
Weaver Station—D. F. Weaver, H. L. Johnson, J. H. Fite and R. P. Weaver.
Mt. Zion—W. P. Cooper, W. S. Griffin, J. Lumpkin and D. P. Williams.
Oak Bowery—Geo. D. Harris and B. Nunnally.
Cane Creek—E. M. Reed.
Oxford—T. P. Gwin, J. O. Weaver, Abner Williams, J. S. Kelly, T. M. Draper and W. F. Hanna.
Antioch—E. A. Aderholt and J. W. Clerkin.
1st. Baptist, Anniston—E. T. Smith, W. C. Salter, S. G. Chadwell and J. P. Prater.
Parker Memorial—Geo. B. Eager, J. R. Lloyd, W. L. Hill, C. C. Buckabee, S. D. Sawyer, Lewis Johnson and T. G. Bush.
Oxanns—J. L. Jones, W. M. Evans, M. C. Holcomb and J. M. Deveneau.
Davisville—W. H. Davis and T. H. Cockrell.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Cold Water—C. Lesley, W. W. Jones, P. F. Teague and Wm. Ciekler.
Munford—W. T. Wright, E. J. Martin, S. Parker and B. W. Mattison.
Salem—D. Johnson, J. M. Haynes, J. S. Haynes and J. M. Davis.
Sulphur Springs—Alva Griffin.
Refuge—W. M. Hall, E. W. Poe and J. M. Sims.
Blue Eye—T. K. Trotter, S. W. Beavers and Jas. F. Thomas.
Pleasant Grove—T. E. Ogletree.
Talladega—Thos. Henderson, G. A. Joiner, J. A. Powe, F. E. Wilson, Jno. C. Williams, P. S. Williams and O. W. Stringer.
Ironaton—J. T. Baxter and G. W. Shadix.
Providence—J. D. Davis, J. M. Brown.

Lincoln—A. W. Bell and W. F. McCain.
 Plum Spring—S. A. McDonald.
 Dry Valley—A. A. Hutto and J. W. McCain.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Renfro—F. G. Mullen, J. S. Thackerson and W. J. Freeman.
 Hepzibah—W. W. Hallman, J. M. Hatcox and J. M. Peters.
 Alpine—S. W. Welch, W. T. Harold and W. R. Thompson.
 Tallassahatchie—W. F. Burke.
 Winterboro—J. M. Solley, W. A. Morris, J. W. Davis and J. E. John.
 Pilgrim's Rest—
 Rocky Mount—George Thrasher.
 Mt. Zion—W. Wilkes, G. S. Ham, W. H. Malone, W. W. Smith,
 H. C. Phillips and A. Hall.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Fort Williams—P. W. Waters, W. M. Waters, J. H. Jones and H. Wilson.
 Mt. Sharon—T. H. Coleman.
 Childersburg—J. T. McMillan.
 Wilsonville—J. F. Pope, E. W. Bowlin, J. H. Roberson and W. T. Smith.
 Harpersville—W. S. Henderson, J. S. Kirkland and S. J. Thompson.
 Spring Creek—C. F. Elliott, W. Clements, J. H. Cooper and W. R. Singleton.
 Macedonia—J. F. Gambrell.
 Coosa Valley—R. D. Willingham, D. Funderburg, J. A. Collins, B. F. Simpson and J. T. Johnson.
 Seddon—J. D. Truss, W. Winters, Jas. Nabors and J. F. Richey.
 Riverside—Letter and Fund.
 Cropwell—L. Law, N. Willingham and J. R. Roberson.
 Providence—W. J. Parker and W. J. Ray.

The letters from the Churches were read by A. W. Bell and S. W. Welch.

Officers elected by acclamation:

Abner Williams, Moderator.
 Lealis Law, Clerk.
 Jas. S. Kelly, Treasurer.

Programme of last session adopted.

Official visitors present:

D. I. Purser, Financial Secretary Howard College; J. P. Shaffer, Bible and Colportage Board; Geo. E. Brewer, American Baptist Publication Society; S. P. Lindsay, Alabama Baptist; C. W. O'Hara, Trustee East Lake Theological Institute; A. J. Battle, Associate President Shorter College; S. W. Averett, President Judson Female Institute; I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board.

Correspondents:

From East Liberty Association—D. S. Duffey.
 Shelby Association—C. W. O'Hara.
 Central Association—R. A. Cumbie.

Tallahatchie Association—J. R. Graham, J. V. Rhodes, I. F. Potter, D. A. Long, W. J. Whiteside.
 Boiling Springs Association—W. D. Hood, E. A. Stansell
 Cahawba Valley Association—Paul Castleberry.
 Carey Association—J. L. Haynes.

Visiting Brethren:

A. S. Pinson, from Canaan Association; Asa Allen, from Boiling Springs Association; J. W. Deveneau, Colporteur State Mission Board; Robt. Frazer, ex-President Judson Institute.

Invitation to churches to become members of the body responded to by Boiling Springs Church, Messenger C. C. Hudgins; also by Cartersville Church, Messengers F. B. Lanier and J. D. Dake, with letters and funds.

The churches were received, and their Messengers took seats as members of the body.

Committee on Public Devotional Exercises appointed:

G. D. Harris, G. S. Ham, J. D. Davis, W. F. Hanna, C. T. Hilton.

The Committee on Periodicals and Literature reported.

Report on Periodicals and Literature.

The great and increasing power of the press for both good and evil is apparent. Every advance in civilization and intelligence adds to its power. Worldly enterprises are not slow to recognize and utilize this mighty agency. Ungodly men are, through this agency, pouring vast streams of error and corruption into the minds and hearts of the people, particularly the young, thus poisoning the very springs of life.

But it is no less a potent factor in the dissemination of the knowledge of God. An All-wise Providence has doubtless designed it as the mightiest agency, save the oral preaching of the Word, for advancing the cause of Christ.

If as Christians—if as Baptists—we would come up to the measures of our responsibility, we must, trusting in God, meet the foe on his field and overcome him.

Much has been done by the Baptists to give the world the Bible and moral and religious literature; much more remains to be done. We cannot afford to be behind others in this work. To this end, your committee would earnestly recommend the colporteur work of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

We should supply our Sunday Schools with an abundance of the best literature; and we have every facility of doing this. A serious mistake cannot be made in choosing between the Kind Words Series and that of the American Baptist Publication Society. There should certainly be no unholy rivalry between the friends of the Kind Words Series and that of the American Baptist Publication Society. Your committee would most earnestly urge an increased interest in our denominational newspapers and other periodicals. It is one of the unsolved problems of the age how any intelligent Baptist can consent to deprive himself and family of the benefits of a good religious paper. We have many good papers in reach of all, but we would especially recommend the Alabama Baptist, not simply because it is published in Alabama, but because it is a good paper; its editors deserve our sympathy and support in their efforts

to make it still better; and being published in our own State, it has a local interest which none others have.

In closing, your committee would call attention to the organs of the Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are spicy, ably edited little papers, cost but a trifle, and being devoted especially to the dissemination of missionary intelligence, cannot fail to interest and benefit every lover of the great mission cause.

J. R. LLOYD, Chairman Committee.

Report referred to a special committee consisting of Geo. B. Eager, M. H. Lane, W. Wilkes, J. R. Lloyd and J. C. Wright.

An invitation to an excursion to Oxford Lake at 4 p. m. Thursday was tendered the Association by the Oxford Lake Dummy Line, and accepted.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Thursday.

Prayer by R. A. J. Cumbie.

THURSDAY, Sept. 18, 1890—9 a. m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services conducted by Moderator. Prayer by I. T. Tichenor. Minutes read and approved. The following committees were appointed:

On Finance—C. W. Stringer, J. R. Roberson, W. H. Davis.

On Pro-rating—A. W. Bell, G. S. Ham, J. D. Truss.

On Bible and Colportage Work—J. L. Jones, F. G. Mullen, W. S. Griffin.

On Woman's Work—Geo. B. Eager, Jno. C. Williams, J. F. Pope.

By request of the Clerk, G. A. Joiner was elected assistant Clerk.

Committee on General Education reported:

Report on General Education.

Civilization is the natural outgrowth of society.

Good society is the concentration and commingling of cultivated, refined intelligences.

The degree of excellence of society in the Thought world depends upon mental culture; the degree of purity depends upon heart culture. For profound thought, though shadowed by superstitions, the ancient and the middle ages produced master minds whose impress is fixed upon the philosophy of modern times. The civilizations of the past were the products of ancient schools of philosophy. These civilizations, however, contained within themselves the elements of their own destruction. Each ancient system had a central thought and the accomplishment of a single purpose, thus failing to touch but one person in the human trinity.

Among the Chinese, the central idea was a knowledge of and allegiance to the traditions and teachings of a human ancestry, made divine by a false religion; among the Hindoos, the reverence of castes; among the Israelites, the letter of the law, without its spirit; among the Egyptians, submission to the Priesthood; among the Spartans, preparation for war; among the Athenians, the cultivation of the æsthetic nature; among the Romans, physical strength and mental independence, but moral weakness and licentious slavery.

It has been left to the Anglo Saxon family—persecuted and exiled from native soil, nourished by American Independence, political freedom and religious liberty—to show to the world that the true Education must and does develop body, mind, and soul.

The true Education would supplant the effeminancy of Athens with the strength of Sparta, the castes of Persia with the brotherhood of man, the idolatry of Egypt with the fatherhood of God. The wealth of a nation is not in its material resources; but in the muscle, brains, and morals of its people.

Inveighing as we do against the union of Church and State, professing as we do allegiance to a government whose strength is its Christian civilization, we would be untrue to every interest and principle were we to countenance any other than a Christian education by the church and an ethical education by the state.

It is a source of congratulation to the Baptists of Alabama that we have the means of a Christian education by and through our own people.

Howard College is a stable reality, and not a shifting circumstance. The money has been secured for the building and they are now in progress of construction.

The endowment is still in the pockets of Alabama Baptists, but we confidently look for the day when it shall be transformed to the hearts of our people.

Last year was a successful one, and the recent opening gives confident hope for greater prosperity. Send your boys to the Howard for a higher education.

The Judson has come through the flames to greater beauty, with no loss of prestige, but moves forward with intensified power. It meets our support and must have it.

The Alabama Central Female College is not without force in literary and Christian culture.

We commend these Institutions, not only to Baptists, but to all who desire to give their sons and daughters a symmetrical education. We have learned with pleasure of the success of the free schools of the Anniston 1st Church. This school is a monument to the generosity of the lamented, Mr. D. F. Parker.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE B. GRAHAM, Chm.
JNO. W. BISHOP,
J. F. POPE.

Report adopted.

By request of Association, D. I. Purser addressed the body in the interest of Howard College.

Pledges Taken for Howard College:

A. W. Bell.....	\$100 00	J. B. Allen.....	\$100 00
Clark Snow.....	50 00	J. D. Truss.....	50 00
W. S. Griffin.....	50 00	A. F. Allen.....	50 00
W. H. Malone.....	25 00	Mrs. B. Fluker.....	25 00
J. A. Powe.....	25 00	Jno. C. Williams.....	25 00
C. W. Stringer.....	25 00	P. S. Williams.....	25 00
Mrs. M. Smyth.....	25 00	W. P. Cooper.....	25 00
Jas. F. Richey.....	25 00	W. F. McCain.....	25 00
R. W. Reed.....	25 00	J. B. Ingram.....	25 00
S. N. Morris.....	25 00	Mrs. S. N. Franks.....	10 00
H. C. Phillips.....	10 00	T. K. Trotter.....	50 00
S. W. Beavers.....	50 00	J. D. Davis.....	10 00
C. H. Salter.....	10 00	J. A. Collins.....	5 00
J. W. Bolin, pd.,.....	5 00	S. C. Kelley, pd.,.....	5 00
G. S. Ham, pd.,.....	5 00		
Total, \$885.00.			

The special committee to whom was referred the report on Periodicals and Literature reported:

Report of Special Committee.

Your committee to whom was referred the Report on Periodicals and Literature and all matters relating thereto beg leave to report as follows: We unanimously favor the adoption of the original Report except the clause beginning with "a serious mistake," etc.

In accordance with the action of the Southern Baptist Convention at Fort Worth, we cordially commend the Sunday School Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention now having charge of the Kind Words Series and its work to the churches within our bounds, respectfully asking their sympathy and prayers and their patronage, so far as may accord with their judgment.

We would call your special attention to our Bible and Colportage Board located at Opelika, Ala., which is our regular agency for distributing religious literature in the State. Regular contributions should be made to sustain the work; \$2000 was asked for to prosecute the work of the Board for the current year, and we hope that our Association will pay her proportional part of the amount.

Geo. B. EAGER,
M. H. LANE,
W. WILKES,
J. E. LLOYD,
J. C. WRIGHT,
Special Committee.

Report adopted.

Association took recess to 1 p. m.

1 P. M.—Association called to order. Devotional Services by Moderator.

M. H. Lane offered the following Preambles and Resolutions:

Whereas, We have a home series of Sunday School Literature, known as "Kind Words," owned and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention, and published for the benefit of the churches and Sunday Schools within its bounds; and whereas, the Southern

Baptist Convention at its late session at Fort Worth, Texas, resolved by an overwhelming vote to foster and develop this home series; and whereas, The American Baptist Publication Society, located at Philadelphia, is publishing a similar series of Sunday School Literature, and is pressing its patronage upon our Sunday Schools and Churches, to the detriment of our home series, and have appointed a special agent for Alabama to represent it; and whereas; The appointment of such agent ignores the expressed will of the Southern Baptist Convention, as it does also the existence and wish of our State and Local Boards—is subversive of our peace, and is working general confusion and detriment to our cause;

Then, resolved, 1st, That we discountenance such agency and enter our solemn protest against this uncalled for—and to us—disrespectful procedure of the American Baptist Publication Society.

2nd, That we earnestly recommend to the patronage of our Churches and Sunday Schools our own home series of Sunday School Literature—"Kind Words."

A motion was made to lay on the table, which motion was lost by a vote of 43 to 54.

On motion, said Preambles and Resolutions were adopted by rising vote of 59 to 14.

The Association then adjourned to 9. a m. Friday, agreeing, after adjournment, to hold a Memorial Service at 7:30 p. m. in honor of the memory of Saml. Henderson, D. D., at the Baptist Church.

Prayer by C. W. O'Hara.

7:30 P. M.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the following exercises were held:

Song, "Beyond the Sunset."

Prayer by W. Wilkes.

J. C. Wright offered the following memorial prepared by E. B. Teague:

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. SAMUEL HENDERSON, D. D.

The family of Dr. Henderson came from Madisonville, East Tennessee, where the father was engaged in the business of printer and publisher, in whose establishment Samuel was trained to the art of printing.

When the Talladega country was opened to settlement, they moved to Talladega, and prosecuted the same business, the boys farming also, and attending school at intervals. This early training was the source of accuracy of scholarship and the facility in the use of the pen, so noted in Dr. Henderson in after life. His opportunities were crowned by effective study of the Classics and Theology under Dr. Richard Carter, of the Presbyterian Church, for whose memory he always retained a reverential regard. His classical acquirements amounted to a sound knowledge of Latin, and enough Greek to judge of matters of Philology. His reading was wide and multifarious. At about twenty-one, now become an editor, he was

licensed to preach, soon ordained, and his early ministry was wondrously successful in winning souls to Christ. Very soon he was called to the charge of the church at Tuskegee, where, in a growing community he built up one of the foremost churches in the South, serving it twenty-one years, and was the main instrument in rearing the famous East Alabama Female College at that place, unfortunately burned a few years after the war.

His later days were spent in serving churches in the lower part of Talladega county, at East Lake, and in Walker county. This work was highly successful. Meantime as editor of the South Western Baptist, contributor to the Christian Index and other papers, he had become conspicuous as an able editor in many departments, engaging vigorously in controversy, notably with Rev. E. J. Hamill, of the Methodist Church, on the question of Americanism or Anti-Americanism in the ecclesiastical system.

He was long a Trustee of Howard College. Also, Trustee of our Seminary while at Greenville, S. C.; and after its removal to Louisville—he was one of the committee who selected the location at Louisville.

He served several years as President of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. In a word, in these various and similar functions, and as pastor and preacher, he impressed himself on the denomination and the times as few other men have done.

Dr. Henderson was a very able preacher, his metaphysical powers extraordinary, and some of his pulpit efforts remarkable, as for instance his famous Commencement Sermon before the State University, unequalled, according to Dr. Garland, then President, by any effort of the kind ever made there of a similar occasion, and re-preached by request to his own people at Tuskegee, regarded equal to Daniel Webster's greatest efforts.

Rev. Jessie A. Collins said of him: "We criticise him for using full notes and writing; but when we want anything big done, we have to send for Sam Henderson."

In fine, Brother Henderson was a man of superior native endowments, well-trained mind given to thorough investigation, fearless in the defence of truth, patient of toil and sacrifice.

"A good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, and under his labors much people was added to the Lord."

Sinewy of mind and body, he was gathered to the Father in a good old age, with a life well rounded up, and a work well finished.

E. B. TEAGUE.

Appropriate and feeling remarks were made by J. C. Wright, A. J. Battle, I. T. Tichenor, M. H. Lane and Geo. E. Brewer, after which the report was unanimously adopted.

FRIDAY, Sept. 19, 9 a. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator. Prayer by Thos. Henderson.

Reading of minutes of previous day's session dispensed with, and all speeches limited to five minutes except special permission granted by the body for longer time.

E. T. Smyth offered the following:

Whereas, Brother Abner Williams, has at his own expense, and a good deal of trouble, collected as near as possible a complete file of the Minutes of the Coosa River Association, from the time of its organization up to the present, and has them in his possession.

And Whereas, There is great danger of the file being consumed by fire or other causes, it being the nearest complete file known to be in existence.

Therefore, be it Resolved, 1st. That Brother Williams be appointed and instructed to take steps as soon as possible to have these Minutes bound in permanent form for the use of the Association as a reference.

Resolved, 2nd. That Brother Williams be authorized to raise means in any way that he may deem best to defray the expenses of having these Minutes bound, and that he be allowed a reasonable compensation out of such funds raised for his services. And that he be allowed to use his own discretion, as to how and when they are to be bound. Provided that no financial obligation shall rest upon the Association as a body.

E. T. SMYTH.

Adopted.

Committee on Colportage and Bible Work reported:

Report on Colportage and Bible Work.

Colportage and Bible Work is closely related to Mission Work and until recently our Colportage and Bible Work has been connected with the State Mission Board and we had the Book and Bible Department. The last meeting of the State Convention, recognizing the importance of Colportage work in the State, and in order to relieve the State Mission Board, so that it might be able to do more efficient work, establishing a new Board, viz: "The Bible and Colportage Board," and located it in Opelika, Ala. This Board is composed of some of the most wealthy and self sacrificing brethren in the state. They have in their hands and upon their hearts the noble work of supplying the people and especially the Baptists of Alabama with Bibles and all Christian and Denominational Literature. This new Board adds one more potent agency in cultivating and educating the people and in giving the pure word of God to those who have it not. The Board asked the Churches of Alabama to contribute for its use \$2,000 during the conventional year. For want of information or other cause, the churches generally have not responded; but by wisely investing what money they received and donations from the American Baptist Publication Society, the Board has been able to put into the field 8 Colporters, one of which, viz: Bro. J. W. Deveneau is to labor in the bounds of the Coosa River Association.

In view of these facts and owing to the magnitude of the work to be accomplished by this Board, your Committee recommend two things:

First. That each Church in this Association, unless it has already done so, be urged to make a contribution for the "Bible and Colportage Board" by the 1st of Nov. 1890.

Second. That pastors, in presenting the great interests of our Denomination to their churches, also earnestly present the claims of the "Bible and Colportage Board" located at Opelika, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. JONES, Chm.

Report adopted.

Pledges for Colportage and Bible Work.

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Oak Bowery.....	2.00	Pleasant Grove, pd.,.....	2.00
Cane Creek.....	2.00	Talladega.....	5.00
Oxford.....	5.00	Lincoln pd.,.....	3.00
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Committee on Temperance reported :

Report on Temperance.

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Report adopted.

E. T. SMYTH, Chairman.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported :

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

A man must have a moral ground work, upon which to build, before he is susceptible to religious impressions. If he lack this ground work, it is almost impossible to reach him from the pulpit. But granting that he is reached, and is gathered into the fold, he is as a rule, governed solely by the fear of future punishment, and belongs to that negative class, so numerous in Baptist churches, who leave all the work for other hands to do. The child is a man in embryo, and the man by psychological sequence, will be what the child's ideal of perfect manhood is : so then, if the child be surrounded by vicious types, when in the formative period of his character, when life is all idealism, it will take little less than a miracle, to keep him from a career of viciousness. How imperative the duty then of every parent, to provide lofty types of moral heroism for the contemplation of his child! In no place can this better be done than in the Sunday School. The trend of imaginings engendered by the contemplation of the types of moral grandeur contained in the Word of God elevate and ennoble the natural, and it is a much easier, and more natural, transition to step from the halo of such an inspiration into the church of God than to take the same step from the cesspools of sin. It is the "seed bed" of the church, and the child well trained in it seldom ever fails to make an active and aggressive christian.

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in our Lord Jesus Christ and members of Christian denominations. A goodly number of Baptists are among them. The religious culture they have had and their clear understanding of the truth of the gospel simplifies the Missionary question into one of preaching the Word to those possessed with its great doctrines and needing only to be impressed with line upon line and precept upon precept. The harvest is ready and white and our labor is now to bring the harvest home.

The cause of State Missions then assures a constantly increasing interest with every accession of people we receive into our State and with every interest which comes with it. We should properly apprehend the full force of the Great Commission as it operates within the limits of the State of Alabama. Under such circumstances duty is imperative. The dispensations of Providence which add to our material wealth and swells the ranks of our population impose upon us a corresponding increase in the demands of State Missions. Shall we as a people accept complacently the material enhancement of property that naturally follows such a tide of immigration as is coming into Alabama and shall we attempt to evade the inevitable responsibility which it brings with it? Let us measure our duty by the measure of advancement that God has given us in the dispensations of His Providence. The tide of population which is steadily flowing into our State has been up to this time confined very largely to North Alabama. The immigration has now about reached the line that divides North from South Alabama. The most interesting Mission field lies to the north of us. We would not say aught that would detract anything from Missionary effort all over the State. We would only direct attention to a people who are building cities, towns, hamlets and wayside places and whose energy has made the wilderness places of Alabama to bloom as the rose. There is Mission ground all over the State, but we would emphasize the importance of the harvest which God in the dispensations of his Providence is sending to our doors. The needs of this people are such as demand the putting forth of a Missionary effort that should bear some relation to the material progress which they have contributed directly and indirectly to the State of Alabama. The business in which this people engage often puts them outside, and in a sense beyond the reach of regular stated preaching. Their places of business and abode in many and in most cases can only be reached by the Missionary. How shall they preach except they be sent?

The Missionary must take the road. "Go ye" is as imperative as upon the day when it was delivered and it is not for believers in Christ to confine, but to liberate the truth and send the Missionary far and near. Every means and appliance by which you can reach your fellow at your door and in foreign lands is embraced in the language of the Commission. "Go ye into all the world" sets every force and appliance in motion by which Zion is finally to assert her dominion and men and women are to be subdued to the obedience of faith. The State and the Home and the Foreign field fall within the territory embraced in the Commission. No locality is left out; no human being is excluded and no believer in Christ is released from the responsibility which Jesus laid upon this church through all future time. When the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, then may the Missionary fold his tent and go home, but until then he must advance and pitch his tent upon the front line.

THOS. HENDERSON, Chm.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported :

Report on Foreign Missions.

At the Southern Baptist Convention last May, in Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. H. A. Tupper, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, said this of his report: "It is the most satisfactory exhibit of the kind ever presented by us to the Convention." And that report enables your committee to give you to-day, the most encouraging report on Foreign Missions ever presented to this Association:

In 1880, ten years ago, we had missionaries in only four foreign countries, namely, in China, Africa, Italy and Brazil. We had in these fields then, only 18 Missionaries, and 38 native assistants—making 56 Missionary workers. We had 32 churches, and 596 members. These members contributed \$528.17. And the Board received that year from Foreign Missions \$45,543.67.

Now in 1890, ten years later, we have six foreign countries instead of four—Japan and Mexico have been added. There are now in these fields 78 Missionaries, and 86 native assistants—making in all 164 Missionary workers. They have 62 churches, and 161 stations—making 223 preaching places. They have 2,214 members, who contributed this year \$4,680.87. And the Board this year received for Foreign Missions \$109,174.20.

This shows an average increase in all these points of interest of more than 100 per cent. in ten years. This year, the heathen church members gave \$2.00 each for the support of the gospel, which is 20 times as much as the average annual offering for Foreign Missions of each member of our Southern Baptist Churches.

The total Foreign Mission work of the world, stands in figures to-day, as follows: Five hundred Missions; 20,000 Mission stations; 40,000 Missionaries; 500,000 Sunday School scholars; 1,000,000 native communicants; 2,000,000 native adherents; these approximately tell the story of Mission work in all heathen countries.

In the last twenty months, the Board has sent out 40 new Missionaries to foreign fields—but 100 would not have supplied the places now open and asking for the gospel.

The work in all the six foreign fields for the past year, has been good, and more satisfactory and encouraging than ever before.

Up to 1870, Italy, the stronghold of the Beast, was sealed against evangelical influences. But Divine providence, moving with the march of modern civilization, made a fatal breach in their temple of spiritual darkness, and now divine truth shines as freely in Italy as in the United States. Before its last constitution, Mexico was in hopeless, spiritual bondage; but to-day in Mexico, the gospel is as unbounded as the air and light of heaven. The great wall of China is broken. And China, the most ancient, populous and enlightened and influential of all pagan people, is now the most important and hopeful field of modern Missions. The cry of Japan is: "More American Teachers and Preachers." Stanley has explored the Dark Continent. The darkness flees away, and the Continent fast becomes an English and German possession. A bloodless revolution, unparalleled in history, made Brazil a Free Republic, with religious liberty. And Christ is rapidly breaking the strongholds of Anti-Christ in Mexico.

The whole world is open for the reception of the Gospel. And the command is: "Go ye into all the world," and possess it.

Already nations have been born in a day. And soon others will follow. This is a shorthand age. God will work by short methods. "I will work a work in your day, which ye will not believe, though

it be told you." THAT work will be: The casting of the Beast and False Prophet into the burning lake; casting Satan down suddenly, as lightning from heaven; the immediate conversion of all pagan lands; and giving to Christ, "The heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possessions."

J. C. WRIGHT, Chm.

D. B. ODEN,

E. A. ADERHOLT.

Committee on Home Missions reported:

Report on Home Missions.

The rapid strides made in the South during the last decade in population and varied industrial activities, and especially the influx of foreigners with religious views and usages alien to the current religious thought and usages peculiar to southern people, demand an increased spiritual activity on our part, and indeed an aggressive forward movement to resist and effectually overcome encroachments upon our civil and religious rights and liberties.

The contest is upon us, and fidelity to the sacred trust committed to us to Evangelize and Christianize this godly heritage, demands that this horde of mammon worshippers, Sabbath breakers, infidels, and unscripturally taught semi-believers should be assimilated by us, conquered to Christ, or in default thereof that we lose our identity, and be swallowed up by them.

The Home Mission Board co-operates with our Churches and pastors in this great work, maintaining 30 men among us as Missionaries to the foreign population alone; besides this 50 to meet the spiritual wants and demands among the colored people, 21 in Cuba, and 270 among the native white population; making a total of 371 efficient and well equipped laborers, under the consecrated leadership of such men as I. T. Tichenor and J. Wm. Jones.

A glance at the year's work, ending April 30, 1890, will give us an intelligent conception of the work done, and should lift our hearts in devout thankfulness to Him who has so blessed and so prospered the work of his servants:

Weeks of labor	13,849
Churches and Stations	1,182
Sermons and addresses	38,741
Additions by Baptism and letter	8,096
Sunday Schools organized	336
Teachers and pupils	12,420
Churches organized	267
Houses of worship built	84
Pages of tracts distributed	857,400
Bibles and Testaments	5,728
Cash received by Treasurer	\$68,297.76
Amount raised by co-operative bodies	61,953.61
Amount raised by co-operative bodies for Houses of Worship on Mission fields	37,324.85
Total receipts and vouchers	\$167,576.22

Truly we "should thank God, and take courage."

In solving the race problem, the Home Mission Board by a co-operative arrangement with the State Mission Board, in the establishment of Theological Institutes for our colored Ministry, has introduced a far more potent factor in the elevation of that race, in the softening of asperities, in fitting them for Christian citizenship, and in bringing about a spirit of mental confidence and respect,

than all the legislative enactments, and pseudo-philanthropy combined, since the day of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

Your Committee earnestly commend to your fostering care the great work in this direction now being done by our beloved brother F. C. Plaster under the Superintendence of the Home Board with the Co-operation of the State Mission Board.

The work of the Board in the Indian Territory, amongst the descendants of those who once owned in fee simple the very territory now occupied by the Churches and people of the Coosa River Association, is broadening under the Superintendence of the venerable Murrow, in the planting of Churches, the rearing of splendid Seminaries of learning, and the dissemination of the Gospel, so that the present home of the Indian is what his former home has become to us, a Baptist country, and yet 28,000 Indians among the Wild tribes have never yet had the Gospel preached to them.

In Cuba, the work of the Board goes bravely on with 21 Missionaries, and about 1,700 Communicants, with well organized agencies for the prosecution of the great work, committed in the wonderful providence of God to his servant Alberto J. Diaz, who in the midst of Apostolic labors and hardships, with a hostile Priesthood watching every step, and surrounded by a population imbued with the unscriptural teachings of a professedly Christian but corrupt Churches, boldly rears aloft the Standard of the Cross, and is silently but surely paving the way for the regeneration of Cuba, both religiously and politically. Every dollar contributed by Southern Baptists for Cuba will come back to us richly freighted with the blessed usury of redeemed souls.

And even setting aside the religious aspects of the work contemplated and prosecuted by the Board, it is a good investment to us in securing to us good neighbors, who, in the near future may constitute an integral part of the United States. Amid its widespread labors and Philanthropies, embracing not only our native population, but all nationalities flocking to our shores, the poor Chinaman is not neglected. The labors of our Sister Miss Lula Whelden are being blessed in the instruction and conversion of the Chinese population of Maryland.

In Louisiana, once the stronghold of Catholic influence, intolerance and bigotry, where but a few years ago in its principal city we had but two weak Churches struggling with debt, now free from debt, the 1st Church and the Valence St. Church, exert a commanding influence, standing as monuments of the wisdom of the Board in sustaining Baptist principles in centres of population and commercial enterprise—and all over the State in its towns, villages and country neighborhoods during the past year has been expended in Mission work the sum of \$10,780, where but a few years ago, a few paltry hundreds were expended with correspondingly feeble results.

But, brethren, enough has been said without extending this report to almost indefinite limits, to convince us, that God has signally blessed the labors of the Home Mission Board, and loudly calls on us to contribute to its support as God has prospered us.

LEALIS LAW, Chm.

The above reports on Missions were discussed together and then separately adopted.

A. W. Bell, Chairman of Committee on Prorating, reported:

The amount suggested and asked for by the State Mission Board from the churches comprising this Association during the ensuing Associational year is \$3000. This is for all purposes—State, Home, and Foreign Missions, Bible and Colportage. In prorating this among the churches, your committee respectfully submit the following.

Cold Water.....	\$50 00	Oxford.....	175 00
Oak Bowery.....	50 00	1st Baptist Anniston.....	150 00
Talladega.....	250 00	Alpine.....	200 00
Mt. Zion (Talladega Co.)	50 00	Harpersville.....	75 00
Spring Creek.....	40 00	Riverside.....	10 00
Oxanna.....	15 00	Renfree.....	35 00
Salem.....	50 00	Mt. Zion (Calhoun Co.)	60 00
Weavers Station.....	60 00	Seddon.....	40 00
Hepzibah.....	45 00	Childersburg.....	50 00
Winterboro.....	100 00	Providence (Talladega)	25 00
Lincoln.....	40 00	Dry Valley.....	15 00
Antioch.....	30 00	Post Oak Spring.....	55 00
Munford.....	40 00	12th St Bap Anniston.....	300 00
Refuge.....	45 00	Tallasehatchie.....	40 00
Rocky Mount.....	25 00	Wilsonville.....	50 00
Ironaton.....	15 00	Davisville.....	20 00
Coosa Valley.....	50 00	Sulphur Springs.....	50 00
Jacksonville.....	175 00	Cane Creek.....	40 00
Blue Eye.....	50 00	Pleasant Grove.....	45 00
Fort Williams.....	55 00	Mount Sharon.....	30 00
Macedonia.....	50 00	Plum Springs.....	15 00
Cropwell.....	50 00	Providence (Shelby Co.)	15 00
Cartersville.....	10 00	Bolling Springs.....	10 00

A. W. BELL,
J. D. TAUSE,
G. S. HAN.

Report adopted.

M. H. Lane, Chairman Committee on Ministerial Education, in lieu of written Report, submitted the following extracts from the Proceedings of the Alabama Baptist State Convention 1889, pages 13 and 14:

The following general financial statement is accompanied by the report of the Treasurer, in which every item of receipts and disbursements is put down:

Cash on hand at last Report.....	\$1,014.39
Amount received during Conventional year.....	2,497.90
Total.....	\$3,512.29

CREDITS

By amount paid for Session 1888 and 1889.....	2,439.33
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Amount paid out in present Session 1889 and 1890.....	\$1,072.96
	976.34

Balance on hand.....	\$96.62
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We need for obligations, already incumbent this year \$2,000, and for other applicants that will come in \$1,000 more, making \$3,000 additional asked for during next Conventional year. While we are carrying a larger number of Students this session than formerly, our expenses per student are greatly increased at Howard College.

While we paid two years ago \$105 per Student, we now pay \$130. This step was taken on recommendation of the Board of Trustees, and grew out of the financial pressure there, and the fact that the College was losing money at the former rates for beneficiaries.

We have aided students the past session as follows: 18 at Howard, 4 at the Seminary, and 3 at High School; Total 25.

We are aiding Students the present session as follows: 22 at Howard, 4 at Seminary, 2 at High School; Total 28.

On the earnest recommendation of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, we paid the past session \$200 to the "deficiency fund."

We have been greatly pressed for funds to meet the demands upon us, and for this reason have been unusually urgent in our appeals; but our brethren especially during the past four weeks, have responded liberally.

We trust that no Association, Church, or individual member will fail to aid us in this important work, on which the success of our Denomination so largely depends.

We wish it understood, that we make no difference in our efforts to help whether the students are in the High School, the College or the Seminary, excepting the consideration the greatest number being connected with Howard College, and most of the contributions being designed therefor, we are compelled to give special attention to that institution.

With the continual support of the churches and pastors, we hope to do the work committed to our hands to the satisfaction of all.

M. B. WHARTON,

President Board of Ministerial Education.

Supplemental to this Report, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to all her ministers to attend the Theological Institute, which is to be held annually at Howard College, and that the churches encourage their pastors to attend by giving them a vacation and paying their expenses.

A collection was taken for the benefit of Joseph W. Martin, a member of Munford Church, and young licensed minister attending school at Lincoln, Ala., amounting to \$31.73, besides some pledges given.

Committee on Evangelization of the Colored People reported.

Evangelization of the Colored People.

Your committee beg leave to report: We have nothing to report as appertaining specially to our Association. The Gospel is to be preached to every creature—as Providential circumstances along the ages opens the way. The time for offering salvation to mankind by nation-distinctions had passed away when the commission was given. The Gospel is not to change national marks and colors or distinctions, but the heart. Redemption and its proclamation look simply to man's spiritual and eternal interests. And the Gospel furnishes the only solution for what is called the race or negro problem. It does no patch-work, and never galvanizes. It never daubs with untempered mortar. The Divine Will is its absolute law. It does not mix and meddle with Caesar's affairs. It subdues men to a cordial acquiescence in the state and condition wherein they are called. It changes the nature but not the order of society. In

former years our churches were composed of colored and white, slave and master. My recollection of those times and knowledge of these, leaves no doubt in my mind that the negroes then had more intelligent preaching than their descendants enjoy now. I feel a jealous pride for agreement in feeling then and now between us and our fathers. It was the general sentiment then that the negroes should have the Gospel. I have no sentiment touching this matter now which I had not then. The same may be said, I think, of our whole section as a rule. Barriers indeed have been removed in some respects, but increased in others. No sectional demagogism then prevailed. No race elimination interfered. The Gospel alone can correct these and all such like evil things. It embraces all the peace-making elements known to man. More philanthropy must and will fail—real or pretended. Moral reforms only dazzle to deceive. False charity and high-sounding patriotism only weave the meshes to ensnare the unwary. Societies and committees and multiplying orders professing to rescue souls from sin and satan can only heal the hurt of sin slightly at most. The church of Christ alone is the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The doctrines of the Gospel alone can produce repentance towards God and faith in Jesus. And so we shall peace.

The Gospel then should be preached to the Ethiopian, yes, and the Mongolian, the Malay, the American, and the Caucasian, the black, the yellow, the brown, the red, and the white. The Ethiopian mainly is with us here. We are willing to sit in a chariot with him as Philip did to preach Christ to him. We are as willing as Philip was to baptize him. We are willing to fraternize with him in the spirit of Christian brotherhood and heirship with our Redeemer. So would we be willing to do with other races and colors. And so we do and always did. Infidel and brutal masters were the disgraceful exceptions. Let us go on, brethren. If a wider door has been opened to us for this needed work, let us improve on its advantages. The Gospel is the power of God to salvation. We are limited in means, but not in good will. The closest and heartiest good feeling that ever existed between any two races is that which exists between the blacks and whites of the South, if let alone to their own unbiased inclinations. Religious newspapers—so-called—have done great damage by inflaming the worse part of feeling, first of the colored, then of the white people, of the country against each other. Let us alone! is the universal utterance of our white citizens, and the unmistakable desire of the colored. To accept the situation and work out our own destiny would be hailed as a goodly heritage. To struggle against outside pressure with malice aforethought, we deprecate as a calamity. Our only hope is, God reigns.

W. WILKES, Chairman.

Adopted.

The Association then took recess till 1 p. m.

1 p. m.—Association came to order. Devotional Exercises by Moderator. Prayer by J. P. Shaffer.

On motion of J. C. Wright, a Board of Ministerial Education was appointed: J. C. Wright, Geo. D. Harris, E. T. Smyth, Abner Williams, J. S. Kelly, B. B. Nunnally.

J. A. Powe, Treasurer Indigent Ministers' Fund Reported.

J. A. Powe, Treasurer,
In account with Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund.
1890.

DEBITS OR RECEIPTS.

Jan'y 9.	To cash from A. W. Bell, former Treasurer,	\$ 603 83
Jan'y 23.	To cash from Bell, Burns, and Law, payment on note	286 00
Jan'y 23.	To cash from Talladega Baptist church, payment on Parsonage property	250 00
July 29.	To cash from Talladega Baptist church, payment on Parsonage property	330 00—\$1,469 83

1890. CREDITS OR DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan'y 9.	By amount appropriated by Board to Rev. Joseph Steely	\$ 25 00
Jan'y 9.	By amount appropriated by Board to Mrs. McCain	25 00
Jan'y 30.	By amount paid N. S. McAfee, money loaned him by the Board	1,000 00
July 22.	By amount appropriated by Board to Mrs. McCain	25 00
Sept. 17.	Balance cash on hand	394 83—\$1,469 83

Respectfully submitted.

Sept. 17, 1890.

J. A. Powe, Treasurer.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF RESOURCES OF THE
INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of Jas. Emory's note	\$ 108 00
Amount of N. S. McAfee's note	1,000 00
Amount of balance due on Lincoln Church note	300 67
Amount of Talladega Baptist Church notes for balance due on Parsonage property	1,540 00
Cash on hand	394 83

Total amount available resources

\$3,343 50

In addition to the above, the Board has on hand about \$200 uncollected notes and pledges not immediately available.

Respectfully submitted.

Sept. 17, 1890.

J. A. Powe, Treasurer.

Adopted.

Committee on Woman's Work Reported:

Report of Committee on Woman's Work.

Your Committee on Woman's Work recognize in the Woman's Missionary societies organized in our own and other States within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention a legitimate and well established agency of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and one which is in no sense antagonistic to, but every way promotive of, the rights and interests of the local church. We see in this women's movement, in its relation to our denominational and missionary enterprises, a divine meaning and practical importance which it were unwise and unfortunate for any of us to misconstrue or underestimate. Not only our Mission Boards but the Southern Baptist Convention and our several State Conventions have all put the seal of their approval upon this agency. The annual reports of

our Home and Foreign Mission Boards to the late convention at Fort Worth, Texas, show that the contributions from our women's missionary societies alone aggregated \$31,237.76, as much as all Southern Baptists gave to missions a few years ago!

It is certainly proper and profitable, therefore, that the most cordial relations exist between the local churches and the Women's Missionary Societies. Our pastors and godly women everywhere should use every legitimate influence and effort to unite the two in the holy bonds of missionary endeavor.

Alabama is the latest of our Southern States to fall into line, but no other has made more marked progress than she since she joined the sisterhood. The work is widening within her borders with wonderful rapidity, and seems full of vitality and promise. The Central Committee, at Birmingham, of which Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, the gifted and consecrated daughter of the honored secretary of our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond is president, has left nothing undone to bring this work before the Baptist women of every part of our beloved State. They have had an able co-worker in our own territory in Mrs. Robert Fraser, of Anniston, the vice-president for the Coosa River Association. She and Mrs. Eager, also of Anniston, and vice-president for the State, have sent out over 200 letters and distributed over 100 packages of missionary leaflets and literature in this Association. We are sorry to learn that their efforts have not been well seconded by either the pastors or the churches of this body. Only eight societies have been heard from and only half of these as yet are working with the Central Committee. We entreat you, brethren, help these women who are laboring with us in the Gospel. We urge our pastors and people to give this work their confidence and support and to co-operate heartily and at once with the vice-president and Central Committee in their worthy efforts to organize and foster a Woman's Missionary Society in every church in our Association. Let them be assured that there is here nothing to fear—only the honest efforts of godly women to do God's work in perfect loyalty to the local church and the existing agencies of our State and general conventions.

The Central Committee does not ask or seek to handle a dollar of the moneys raised—these they desire to see go through the regular channels of the churches—they simply aim to supplement and increase the missionary work of the churches by organizing the women, maintaining an interest among them in this blessed cause, and keeping a true record of what they do. Surely there is nothing in this hostile to Christ or His church.

GEO. B. EAGER, Chairman.

Executive Committee reported :

G. A. Joiner, Chairman Executive Committee, In account Coosa River Baptist Association.

1889.	DR.	
Sept. 14.	To cash on hand last report	\$40.86
" 14.	To amount received from Brother J. S. Kelly, Treasurer	45.63
" 23.	To amount received from Brother J. S. Kelly, Treasurer	42.05

\$128.54

1889.

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Nov. 8.	By amount paid W. S. Henderson	\$15.00
Dec. 4.	By amount paid Rev. Thos. Henderson	\$31.50

1890.

Sept. 16.	By amount paid Jas. Solley for work at Rocky Mount	\$15.00
Sept. 17.	By amount Cash to Balance	\$67.04

\$128.54

RECAPITULATION.

1890.		
Sept. 17.	To Cash on hand	\$67.04

Adopted.

Present Executive Committee consists of: G. A. Joiner, Chairman; J. W. Bishop, S. D. Kyser, J. H. Hayden, S. W. Welch, M. H. Hansard, and G. S. Ham.

The Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund consists of: Jno. W. Bishop, Chairman; G. A. Joiner, C. W. Stringer, J. A. Powe, A. W. Bell.

Correspondents appointed :

To Shelby Association—W. S. Henderson, T. K. Trotter, Abner Williams, S. J. Thompson, Geo. B. Eager.
Cahawba Valley—N. Willingham, R. D. Willingham, D. P. Funderburg, T. K. Trotter, J. A. Collins, L. Law.
Boiling Springs—W. H. Davis, E. A. Aderholt, J. W. Deveneau, J. M. Deveneau.

Carey—W. S. Henderson, J. M. Haynes, J. M. Solley.
Canaan—S. J. Thompson, J. S. Thackerson, J. A. Collins.
Central—W. Wilkes, J. H. Cooper.
Tallassahatchie—B. B. Nunnally, Geo. D. Harris.
10 Islands—Geo. B. Eager, J. S. Kelly.
Unity—W. Wilkes, J. C. Wright, W. S. Henderson.
Etowah—T. P. Gwin, T. K. Trotter, Geo. D. Harris, W. S. Griffin.

To State Convention—Geo. B. Eager, G. A. Joiner, E. T. Smyth, W. S. Henderson, T. M. Jones, J. R. Lloyd, N. S. McAfee, C. C. Huckabee, J. C. Wright, Abner Williams, L. Law, M. H. Lane, W. Wilkes. In case the delegation is not complete, those in attendance are authorized to fill vacancies.

Finance Committee reported :

Your committee beg leave to submit the following Financial Report, which, in a comparison with last year's figures, will be found very encouraging :

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	Colportage.
Jacksonville.....	\$ 33 33	\$ 33 33	\$ 33 34		\$ 3 00	
Post Oak Springs.....	5 00	6 15			2 50	
Weaver's Station.....	11 73	11 73	11 74		2 00	
Mt. Zion (Calhoun).....	20 00	20 00	10 00		2 50	
Oak Bowery.....	2 00	2 00			2 00	
Cane Creek.....	4 15	3 85			1 25	
Oxford.....	*1 00	*1 00	*1 00		5 00	
Antioch.....					2 00	
First Anniston.....	5 46	5 47	5 47		3 00	
Parker Memorial.....			53 45		5 00	
Oxanna.....	2 50	2 50	2 50	\$ 5 00	2 00	
Davisville.....					1 00	
Cold Water.....	4 40	4 40			2 40	
Munford.....	10 00	10 00	10 00		3 00	
Salem.....	5 70	6 00			1 50	
Sulphur Springs.....		2 00			1 50	
Refuge.....	5 00	15 00	10 00		1 00	
Blue Eye.....	12 00	12 00	7 00		2 00	
Pleasant Grove.....	3 33	3 33	3 34		1 50	
Talladega.....	37 16	37 17	37 17		3 00	
Ironaton.....					1 50	
Providence (Talladega).....	5 00	10 00			1 25	
Lincoln.....	10 00	10 00	10 00		1 00	
Plum Spring.....					1 00	
Dry Valley.....		10 00			1 00	
Kenfro.....	10 00	10 00	10 00		1 50	
Hephzibah.....	3 35	3 35	3 35		1 50	
Alpine.....	5 00	5 00	8 00		1 50	
Tallasahatchie.....	3 00				1 50	
Winterboro.....	4 25	4 25	4 25		2 00	
Pilgrim's Rest.....						
Rocky Mount.....	1 40				1 25	
Mt. Zion (Talladega).....	12 50	15 00	12 50		1 50	
Fort Williams.....	6 78	6 79	6 78		1 50	
Mt. Sharon.....	42	41	42		1 00	
Childersburg.....	3 75	3 75			1 50	
Wilsonville.....	10 00	10 00	10 00		1 50	\$ 7 00
Harpersville.....	10 00	19 80	10 00		2 00	
Spring Creek.....	3 98	3 99	3 98		1 50	
Macedonia.....	3 70	3 70	3 70		1 50	
Coosa Valley.....	10 00	10 00			2 00	
Seddon.....				10 00	2 50	
Riverside.....	2 00	5 00			1 00	
Cropwell.....					1 50	
Providence (Shelby).....	2 50	2 50			1 50	
Public Collection.....	1 00	1 00		131 73		29 75
Boiling Spr'gs (Calhoun).....		1 25			75	
Cartersville.....	2 50	5 00	2 50		1 50	
	\$273 89	\$306 92	\$270 49	\$46 73	\$85 00	\$36 75

*78 Contributed by Little Sunbeams. †Collection for benefit of and paid to Rev. J. W. Martin.

Associational Missions—Alpine (Jenkins' Fund), \$21.84; Ladies Aid Society, \$25 for Missions, Mt. Zion (Talladega county), \$1.50 Total \$23.34.

C. W. STANGER, J. R. ROBERSON, W. H. DAVIS.

Received of Finance Committee \$1,043.12.

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer.

September 19th, 1890.

Adopted.

Treasurer reported:

Treasurer's Report for 1890.

OXFORD, Ala., September 19, 1890.

To Coosa River Association:

Your Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

Received from Finance Committee for—

Home Missions	\$173 81	
Foreign Missions	184 00	
State Missions	176 77	
Jenkins fund	10 55	
Howard College	49 90	
Renfroe chair in Howard College	10 00	
Minute fund	77 05	\$682 08
Cash on hand at last Association, Jenkins fund		45 65
“ “ “ Minute fund		32 50
		<hr/> \$760 23
Paid Clerk's salary	\$ 25 00	
G. A. Joiner, Jenkins fund	56 20	
D. I. Purser for Renfroe chair in Howard College	10 00	
D. I. Purser for Howard College	49 90	
G. A. Joiner, for benefit of Thos. Henderson	32 50	
W. B. Crumpton, for State Missions	176 77	
“ “ “ Home Missions	173 81	
“ “ “ Foreign Missions	184 00	
Mountain Home, for Printing Minutes	48 00	\$756 18
Amount on hand to balance, Minute fund		4 05
		<hr/> \$760 23

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer.

Adopted.

Place and time for next meeting of the Association selected: Lincoln, Talladega county, Ala., Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1891.

To preach the Introductory Sermon: Geo. B. Eager, principal; Geo. D. Harris, alternate.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Standing Committees.

- On State Missions—M. H. Lane, J. R. Lloyd, J. M. Solley.
- On Home Missions—W. Wilkes, T. K. Trotter, J. T. McMillan.
- On Foreign Missions—Geo. B. Eager, J. L. Jones, W. H. Davis.
- On Ministerial Education—J. C. Wright, L. Law, B. B. Nunnally.
- On General Education (Male and Female)—T. G. Bush, S. W. Welch, J. A. McDonald.
- On Colportage and Bible Work—E. T. Smyth, F. G. Mullen, W. F. McCain.
- On Sabbath Schools—Jno. C. Williams, A. Hall, S. W. Beavers.
- On Temperance—Geo. D. Harris, G. S. Ham, A. A. Hutto.
- On Evangelization of Colored People—Jno. W. Bishop, Jas. Crook, Jas. R. Robinson.
- On Periodicals and Literature—Thos. Henderson, W. S. Griffin, J. A. Collins.
- On Woman's Work—Robert Fraser, Catt Smith, J. F. Pope.

Resolutions of Thanks:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the Oxford Baptist Church, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the community, and especially to the ladies, for their generous hospitality in entertaining the messengers of this Association, and to the Oxford Dummy Line for the courtesy shown us in giving us the excursion to the Lake. Also, to the Georgia Pacific and to the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroads for reduced rates.

On motion of Geo. D. Harris, the sum of \$5 was voted to the assistant clerk, G. A. Joiner, for his services, which amount he generously donated to the relief of Bro. Joseph W. Martin, at school.

Elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: Geo. B. Eager, principal; Geo. D. Harris, alternate.

To preach Missionary Sermon on second day of next session, at 7:30 p. m., M. H. Lane, principal; Thos. Henderson, alternate.

The body then formally adjourned *sine die*, with song and parting hand. Prayer by Geo. B. Eager.

ABNER WILLIAMS, Moderator.

LEALIS LAW, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE OF CHURCH.	COUNTIES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Ind. Min. Fund.	Ministerial Education.	Colportage.	Howard College.	Minutes.	Total.	REMARKS.	
Jacksonville.	M. H. Lane.	P. D. Ross.	Jacksonville.	Calhoun.	19	5	2	2	129	\$ 33 34	\$ 33 33	\$ 33 33									\$ 3 00	\$ 103 00	
Post Oak Springs.	W. S. Griffin.	H. C. Weaver.	Alexandria.	"	5	5	1	9	23	5 00	6 15									2 50	13 65		
Weaver's Station.	T. P. Gwin.	T. L. Weaver.	Weaver's Station.	"	3	2	3	3	120	11 73	11 74	11 73								2 00	37 20		
Mt. Zion (Calhoun).	W. S. Griffin.	J. Lumpkin.	Alexandria.	"	7	3	2	9	174	10 00	20 00	20 00								2 50	52 50		
Oak Bowery.	W. S. Griffin.	W. W. DeFrance.	Grayton.	"	3	6	1	1	131		2 00	2 00								2 00	6 00		
Cane Creek.	T. P. Gwin.	A. H. Mynatt.	Pocahontas.	"				2	1	59	4 15	5 85								1 25	9 00		
Oxford.	Geo. D. Harris.	T. M. Draper.	Oxford.	"		7	1	16	4	179	65 66	72 72	103 40				20 00			5 00	\$271 78		
Antioch.	Ans. Allen.	G. W. Manning.	Oxford.	"	4	6	4	3	79											2 00	2 00	*\$30 00 by L. A. S.	
First Anniston.	E. T. Smyth.	Jno. A. Fry.	Anniston.	"		38	1	17	2	245	17 23	5 46	5 47							3 00	31 16	*\$ 3 00 by Little	
Parker Memorial.	Geo. B. Eager.	S. D. Sawyer.	Anniston.	"	6	62	2	28	2	233	67 62	61 10	61 10			1 00	107 07	1 77	100 00	5 00	404 72	\$28 for Missn. L. A. S.	
Oxanna.	J. L. Jones.	M. C. Holcombe.	Anniston.	"	7	35	23	1	63		12 25	5 70	12 21				5 00	11 33		2 00	48 49	*\$ 7 50 " "	
Davisville.	J. M. Devenau.	Jno. S. Davis.	Iron City.	"	2	8	2	2	40		4 40	4 40								1 00	1 00		
Cold Water.	T. P. Gwin.	T. F. Teague.	Dynum.	"	2	12	4	1	115		4 40	4 40								2 50	11 30		
Munford.	Catt Smith.	B. W. Madison.	Munford.	Talladega.	1	1	10	2	8		10 00	10 00	10 00				14 00			3 00	47 00		
Salem.	T. K. Trotter.	L. T. Grogan.	Eastaboga.	"	1	11	13	2	204		5 70	6 00								1 50	13 20		
Sulphur Springs.	T. K. Trotter.	R. H. McCain.	Bruner.	Calhoun.	2	2	19	2	2			2 00								1 50	3 50		
Refuge.	J. N. Belton.	J. T. Green.	Refuge.	Talladega.	2		6	2	98		5 00	10 00	15 00							1 00	31 00		
Blue Eye.	T. K. Trotter.	P. Morgan.	Lincoln.	"	3				139		7 00	12 00	12 00							2 00	33 00		
Pleasant Grove.	Catt Smith.	T. E. Ogletree.	Eureka.	"		1	1	6	52		3 34	3 33	3 33				20 00			1 50	40 50		
Talladega.	J. A. French.	S. F. Burns.	Talladega.	"	10	14	11	2	233		63 84	43 83	43 83						20 00	3 00	179 50	\$5 for Missn. L. A. S.	
Ironston.	H. C. Knight.	D. W. Shadr.	Ironston.	"	6	9	14		62											1 50	1 50		
Providence (Talladega).	L. H. Pope.	R. M. Brown.	Talladega.	"	5	4	1	8	35		5 00	10 00	10 00							1 25	16 25		
Lincoln.	Catt Smith.	Jno. L. Law.	Lincoln.	"	5	12	6		45		10 00	10 00	10 00				20 50			1 00	51 50		
Plum Spring.	J. W. Chandler.	O. P. Ford.	McFall.	"	4	17			55											1 00	11 00		
Dwy Valley.	A. A. Hutto.	G. W. Clements.	Lincoln.	"	10	5	1	1	170											1 50	31 50		
Renfro.	F. G. Mullen.	H. F. Brown.	Renfro.	"	3	5	13	1	153		10 00	10 00	10 00							1 50	11 55		
Hephzibah.	P. Castleberry.	J. M. Burks.	Renfro.	"	9	5	1	5	130		3 35	3 35	3 35							1 50	31 50		
Alpine.	M. H. Lane.	W. R. Thompson.	Sycamore.	"	17	2	3	9	113		18 35	77 30	13 35	21 84		45 00				1 50	11 55		
Tallasahatchie.	W. Wilkes.	J. C. McMillan.	Sycamore.	"	5	1	1	1	165		4 25	4 25	4 25							1 50	177 34	\$15 Missn. L. A. S.	
Wintersboro.	M. H. Lane.	E. W. Rhodes.	Alpine.	"	5	1	1	1	79		4 25	4 25	4 25							1 50	4 50		
Flieger's Rest.	J. M. Solley.	B. Haywood.	Rendalia.	"					29											2 00	14 75		
Rocky Mount.	J. M. Solley.	J. R. Gunn.	Bladco.	"	10	1	2	3	3	1	66	1 40								1 25	2 65		
Mt. Zion (Talladega).	W. C. Cleveland.	H. G. Darby.	Sylacaw.	"	6	10	3	3	118		15 00	15 00	15 00	5 00					10 00	1 50	61 50		
Fort Williams.	C. W. O'Hara.	W. S. Bennett.	Fayetteville.	"	1	6	15	1	110		10 42	10 42	10 41							1 50	32 75		
Mt. Sharon.	J. A. Butts.	H. J. Coleman.	Chilfersburg.	"	1	6	6		70		42	42	41							1 00	2 25		
Chilfersburg.	F. Moss.	J. H. Robinson.	Chilfersburg.	"	16	15	19	2	118								20 00			1 50	29 00		
Wilsonville.	A. E. Burns.	J. H. Robinson.	Wilsonville.	Shelby.		1	10		39		3 75	3 75					11 00	12 00		1 50	29 00		
Harpersville.	E. B. Teague.	John Russell.	Harpersville.	"	2	16	4	1	120		10 00	10 00	10 00						10 00	2 50	70 43	\$5 of this amount to Am. Bap. Pub. So.	
Spring Creek.	C. W. O'Hara.	W. R. Singleton.	Harpersville.	"	9	1	5	3	70		7 53	7 03	7 03							1 50	23 09		
Macedonia.	C. W. O'Hara.	D. C. Davis.	Holspur.	"	3	4	4	1	63		3 70	3 70	3 70							1 50	12 60		
Coosa Valley.	T. K. Trotter.	R. D. Williamson.	Eastonville.	"	13	18	3	1	149		10 00	10 00	10 00							2 00	22 00		
Cropwell.	W. Wilkes.	Lealis Law.	Cropwell.	St. Clair.	5	9			44		10 00									1 50	11 50		
Seddon.	J. S. E. Robinson.	T. J. Kilgore.	Seddon.	"	4	14	8	2	153								10 00			2 50	12 50		
Riverside.	J. N. Belton.	M. S. Jordan.	Riverside.	"	1	1	1		28		2 00	5 00								1 00	8 00		
Providence (Shelby).	J. A. Butts.	W. J. Ray.	Harpersville.	Shelby.	19	12	19	3	87		2 50	2 50								1 50	6 50		
Boiling Springs (Calhoun).	Noah Stephens.	C. B. Higgins.	Cane Creek.	Calhoun.	20	28	2		53			1 25								75	2 00		
Cartersville.	F. G. Mullen.	F. B. Lanier.	Kynulga.	Talladega.	5	16	4		34		2 50	2 50	5 00							1 50	11 50		
Public Collection.											1 00	1 00								63 48	\$ Benft. J. W. Martin.		
Total.					256	411	13	404	41	49	431	\$432 83	\$506 38	\$512 13	\$26 84	\$ 1 06	\$31 30	\$54 85	\$40 00	\$85 00	\$2074 89		

The above exhibit, though not complete, is encouraging. Increase in membership .067-10%; increase in contributions .21%. Seven different forms of letters from the churches to the Association have been examined to obtain the above information. The Association should adopt a uniform letter, embracing all the statistics called for in the work of the body, with ample room for a narrative of the state of religion in the bounds of the respective churches.

LEWIS LAW, Clerk.





